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SUBJECT: CHRONICLE ASSESSED CARTER ADMINISTRATION

1. JAN 23 CHRONICLE GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO USIS  
RELEASE ON NEW ADMINISTRATION. CHRONICLE SENIOR  
POLITICAL COMMENTATOR MOHAMMED HAMALUDIN STATED  
THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS GIVES  
HOPE OF NEW ENLIGHTENED USG FOREIGN POLICY APPROACH  
TOWARDS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO CORRES-  
PONDENT, TONE OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION SET BY  
APPOINTMENTS OF ANDREW YOUNG AS UN REPRESENTATIVE  
AND VANCE AS SECSTATE.

2. CHRONICLE REPORTER REVIEWED PARTS OF TESTIMONY  
GIVEN BY VANCE BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE ON JAN 11 TO EFFECT THAT USG SHOULD  
SEEK TO REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS BETWEEN US AND CUBA AND  
MOVE TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THAT  
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COUNTRY AND WITH ANGOLA. VANCE'S REMARKS FIRMLY  
SUPPORTING MAJORITY RIGHTS IN ZIMBABWE, OPPOSING  
APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND FAVORING INDEPENDENCE  
FOR NAMIBIA ARE CONSIDERED ENCOURAGING. VANCE WAS  
ALSO PRAISED FOR REMARKS DEPLORING COVERT ACTIVITIES  
AGAINST OTHER NATIONS.

3. HOWEVER, WRITER EMPHASIZED THAT NEW ADMINISTRA-

TIONS MUST ALSO ADDRESS CONCRETE ISSUES OF COMMODITY PRICES AND ROLE OF AMERICAN AID VIS A VIS DEVELOPING NATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) WAS DESCRIBED AS UNFAIR TO SUGAR EXPORTERS SUCH AS GUYANA AND JAMAICA. TO AID THE DEVELOPING WORLD, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION SHOULD APPORTION GENEROUS QUOTAS FOR SUGAR AT PRICE AT LEAST COMPARABLE TO THAT RECEIVED BY US PRODUCERS.

4. EMPLOYING TYPICAL LDC RHETORIC, COMMENTATOR POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH PROBLEM OF USG FOOD AID DOES NOT GREATLY CONCERN GUYANA, IT EXPLAINS WHY MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME QUOTE DISILLUSIONED WITH THE PROMISE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM OF THE WORLD UNQUOTE. SWITCH DURING NIXON ADMINISTRATION FROM POLICY OF FREE FOOD AID PROMPTED BY HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS TO POLICY OF FOOD SALES RESULTING FROM SECURITY MOTIVATIONS HURT DEVELOPING WORLD. WRITER CLAIMED THAT TRADE OF BANGLADESH WITH CUBA WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CAUSING US TO CUT BACK FOOD AID TO THAT COUNTRY AND ADOPT POLICY OF FOOD SALES WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO SEVERE FAMINE THERE IN 1974.

5. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE, WHICH WAS UNDOUBTEDLY APPROVED AT HIGH GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS, IS SYMTOMATIC OF EQUIVOCAL ATTITUDE OF GOG TOWARDS US. GOG CONTINUES TO GIVE SIGNS THAT IT HOPES FOR BETTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONS AND ON-GOING DIALOGUE WITH US BUT PLACES BURDEN FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS ON INITIATIVES COMING FROM US. ARTICLE WAS FAVORABLE IN TONE UNTIL LAST SECTION RELATING TO US FOOD SALES TO BANGLADESH THAT WERE CRITICALLY REPORTED IN WASHINGTON POST RECENTLY.

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